

**Harrington Park Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 11, 2020**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman DeGruccio called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM.

Chairman's Announcement

In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of the scheduled meeting was made. It is posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Center. Copies have been mailed to the BERGEN RECORD, SUBURBANITE, and THE NORTHERN VALLEY PRESS. A copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies have been mailed to individuals requesting the same.

2. ROLL CALL – 2020 BOARD MEMBERS

COMMISSION Members	PRESENT	ABSENT
(CD) Charles DeGruccio (chairman)	x	
(KK) Patrick (Kelly) Kramer (vice-chair)	x	
(LC) Lynne Cappelmann	x	
(TD) Thomas Donnelly		x
(RH) Robert Hwang	x	
(AP) Ashely Plescia	x	
(MS) Matthew Saland	x	

3. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Michelle Ryan (resident and former Councilwoman) spoke about the desire of the HP School rising 8th grade to hold a Halloween fundraiser at Highland Field on 10/30/2020. The details of the event are not yet solidified, but it will be family oriented with a nominal wristband fee and might include food, a maze, trick or treat stations, and inflatables. Perhaps the Historical Society will be approached to participate. The form will be filled out. The HSA will provide insurance. It would be rain or shine. The fee will be waived. Councilwoman Chung who participated by phone asked to be able to talk to Dr. Fried and report back. The Recreation Commission did not have any objections to the event in theory.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM

- a. **Approval of Minutes (January 15, 2020):** Ms. Plescia moved to accept the minutes, second Mr. Kramer. All in favor. Carried.

5. UPDATES

- a. **Finance and Budget:** The budget includes Water: \$10,000; General: \$10,000; Electricity: \$4,000; Secretary: \$2,500.
- b. **Field Requests:** Lacrosse (which is not non-profit); Men's Softball (Lara has dates); Junior Womens Concert (Monday, May 25 ok with May 30 raindate; Mr. Saland will respond to them). Questions: who calls for porta potties? Ms. Toomin will find out.
- c. **School Coordination**

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d. Sports Coordination

Softball: Harrington Park reached out to the Northern Valley group pre-season letting them know that we wanted to play. Mr. DeGruccio moved that a letter be sent to the Harrington Park families stating that Harrington Park softball will play other Northern Valley towns as this will result in less traveling, second Ms. Plescia. All in favor. Carried.

e. Town Programs

Fishing Derby – Sunday, June 21, 2020, 12:00-2:00PM (Pondside) Mr. Kramer and Mr. DeGruccio reported that Lucas Bogosian may want to attend and have giveaways.

Town Day – Saturday, September 12, 2020 12-4pm (Highland). Bands will have to sign waivers.

Ragamuffin – Saturday, October 31, 2020 at 10:00-11:30AM (Borough Hall Parking lot)

f. Park & Playground Maintenance

i. **Field Maintenance:** Pete and Nat are discussing this. Mr. Kramer will email Pete about rain sensors. The town is acquiring AEDs.

ii. **Fieldhouse and Highland Hut Quotes:** Step by Step did not include all necessary items in their bid. When all of the items were added, their bid was too high (\$2500 was added for roof removal). Nelson has given a verbal quote of \$5400 for the roof of the back hut with the same material. We are waiting for a written quote. Highwood quoted using different material and did not quote using the requested rubber material.

g. **Tennis:** Mr. Hwang is the tennis liaison.

6. PROJECTS

a. **Grant Update**

7. OTHER ITEMS

a. **Rutgers SAFETY Training (March 4, 2020, 6:30PM):** There was a good showing (about 51 people)

b. **Background checks and finger printing will start next year.**

c. **Councilwoman Chung reported that the task force is meeting weekly.**

d. **Bergen Catholic is using the field for 2 weeks. Mr. Saland will invoice \$75.00 for 10 days and will send to Marti Francis who will email the invoice. Wild Things also needs to be billed.**

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8. **ADJOURN**: Mr. Kramer moved to adjourn, second Mr. DeGruccio. All in favor. Carried. Meeting adjourned 9:20 pm.

NEXT MEETING

Next regularly scheduled meeting is April 16, 2020 at 8pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marti Francis
Recreation Commission Secretary